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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shinichi TODOROKI**

Group Art Unit:

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OPTICAL FUSE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 19, 2006

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.